

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 were pending; claim 1 is canceled with this amendment. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful and thoughtful review given to the present application.

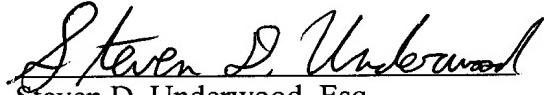
In the Office Action dated July 27, 2004, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,708,780, to Levergood et al., in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,873,076, to Barr et al. Although Applicant respectfully disagrees with the stated grounds for rejection of claim 1, and respectfully reiterates the arguments regarding claim 1 made in previous responses filed in this case, claim 1 has been canceled with this amendment in order to advance prosecution of the application.

Claims 6-10 were allowed in the Office Action. Applicant appreciates this and, in view of the cancellation of claim 1, looks forward to receiving the official Notice of Allowance of claims 6-10.

No fee is believed due with this Response. However, if any fee is due, please charge that fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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